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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 09/450,399 Confirmation No. 7581
Applicant : Rolf Brück et al.
Filed : November 29, 1999
Title : Muffler and Associated Assembly Having a
Catalyst Carrier Body and a Retaining Element
and Method for Producing the Assembly
Examiner : Hien Tran
Docket No. : E-40456 PC US
Group Art Unit : 1764
Customer No. : 24131

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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S i r :

Responsive to the non-final Office action dated December 23,
2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as
follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.